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NODAL REGIONS OF A SLIDER-DISC
INTERFACE

Group Art Unit: 2627

Examiner: Tianjie Chen

Docket No.: S01.12-0979

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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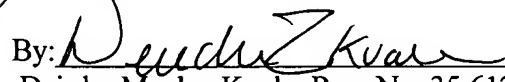
Sir:

The Applicants agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. The Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons of patentability are in any way fully enumerated. Further, Applicants traverse the reasons for allowance of claim 20 to the extent the stated reasons do not consider the structure corresponding to the recited means disclosed in Applicants' specification and equivalents.

Respectfully submitted,

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